(b) Whatever repairs were possible with the allotment of Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 per mile per annum available were being attended to every year.

(c) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Is the condition of the road satisfactory now?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The present condition serves the purpose for which it is intended—it is intended only as a foot-path. There is no vehicular traffic.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Is this road useful for vehicular traffic?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon·—It is primarily meant to serve as a foot-path.

Public tank—Pattanchery.

72. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any public tank in Pattanchery firkah for bathing purposes;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the number and names of such tanks and their location;

(c) if the answer is in the negative, is it not necessary to provide tanks from the Government to the poor citizens of that locality;

(d) may I know whether the Member of that constituency has brought the fact to the notice of the Government;

(e) if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) and (b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) Government have fully enquired into the matter and have found that a public tank in Pattanchery is not a necessity.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ.— പട്ടഞ്ചേരിയിൽ പബ്ലിക്കുടാങ്ക് ഇല്ലെന്ന ഗവമ്മെൻറു സമ്മതിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. കുടിക്കുവാൻ വെള്ളമില്ലാതെ അവിടെയുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്ത് അവർക്കു വെള്ളംകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് ആവശ്യമല്ലേ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There are any number of Eris there where they can have their bath.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ.—വെള്ളമില്ലാതെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്ത് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ദയവുചെയ്തു അവിടെ ഒരു പബ്ലിക് റാങ്ക് ഉണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Government have fully enquired into the matter and found it is unnecessary. But if the Member presses it again, Government will again look into the matter.

Spread of religion—Leper Hospital, Adoor—Donations to Communities.

73. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.— Will the Government be pleased to state the donations given by them to the following communities for the spread of religion in the Leper Hospital at Adoor;

(a) Hindus;

(b) Mohamadans;

(c) Roman Catholics;

(d) Jacobite Christians;

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Nil.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Is any donation given for their religious worship?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The answer is will.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Any subscription, any help to it?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—No help of any kind is given.

Venereal Diseases—remedial measures.

74. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether venereal diseases are on the increase in recent years;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to combat this evil?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— (a) No definite answer can be given to this as there are no statistics maintained about the number of patients in the State.

(b) Provision has been made in all the hospitals and dispensaries for the treatment of venereal diseases.

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